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**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2003**

4:30p.m. Family Mass with Christmas Pageant

**No 5:30p.m. Mass tonight**

8p.m. Mass in Spanish (Upper Church)

10p.m. Mass in Korean (Lower Church)

**Midnight Mass** (English) Upper Church  
(Italian) Lower ChurchChristmas Carols are sung beginning at 11:30p.m.  
in both Upper & Lower Churches.**Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2003** UPPER CHURCH ONLY

8:30a.m. (Eng), 10a.m. (Eng), 11:30a.m. (English &amp; Italian)

No 10a.m. Spanish Mass today.

**Holiday  
Schedule  
2003****MASSES FOR THE WEEK****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14:**

8:30	HOLY NAME SOCIETY
10:00	Christine & Joseph Niciforo
10:00	SPANISH MASS – Lower Church
11:30	PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
11:30	Santo e Giuseppa Di Giacomo and Francesco Marzella, Pietro e Guglielmo Renna - ITALIAN
6:00	Henry Pranzo

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15:**

7:00	Sareli Caleca
9:00	Maria Tribuzio
NOVENA AFTER MASS	

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16:**

7:00	Frank Pasquale
9:00	Anthony Bruccoleri and Deceased of Moreno & Bruccoleri Families
7PM	Prayer Service for 9/11 Victims of Brooklyn South NYPD

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17:**

7:00	Frank Bruno, Anniv.
9:00	Maria, Giuseppe & Francesco Parato

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18:**

7:00	Anna and Santo Ammirabile
9:00	Paul and Michael De Rienzo

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19:**

7:00	Thomas Feminella, Jr.
9:00	Josephine & Vito De Mola

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20:**

9:00	John Vonelli and Theresa Pane
ROSARY FOR LIFE – AFTER MASS	
5:30	John & Carmella Buoncore

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21:**

8:30	Viola Sarno
10:00	ROSARY SOCIETY
10:00	SPANISH MASS – Lower Church
11:30	PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
11:30	Giuseppe Giampiccolo - ITALIAN
6:00	Deceased of Ateniese & Tagarelli Families

**WANT OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN EMAILED TO YOU?**

Send us an Email (StAPastoralMin@aol.com)

**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FROM 6a.m. until 3p.m.,  
Monday through Saturday.** The MAIN DOOR on Bay  
Parkway will be open.**HOSTS & CANDLES FOR THE WEEK** – *donated in  
loving memory of Giuseppe & Giovanni Giaquinta  
requested by Tina Giaquinta and children.***WINE FOR THE WEEK** – *donated in loving memory of  
Ralph Chirico requested by Mario & Jennie De Pinto.***ADVENT WREATH CANDLES**For faith, love & peace- the greatest gifts of life,  
requested by Enza Messina.In loving memory of MICHAEL CHIARINI. We love you  
& miss you. You will forever be in our hearts. Love  
Lisa, Matt & Brian Donlon.In loving memory of FRANCESCA & LUIGI ZUCO from  
the Zuco Family.For LOVE & PEACE and those Families who are  
affected by war. May God pour love & peace on the  
world. From the Religious Education Program's  
students.**ADVENT PULPIT & PROCESSIONAL CANDLES**In memory of RICHARD MICHAEL FELCETTO  
requested by Helen & Michael Felcetto.**SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES** Every parishioner  
is encouraged to use the Sunday collection envelopes. We  
invite you & your family to register at the rectory by  
stopping in, up until 8p.m., for a "Welcome Packet."**As each has received a gift, employ it for one another  
as good stewards of God's grace." (1 Peter 4:10)**

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTION – 12/07/2003: \$6,406.00

Last Year \$7,955.00

**AVG. WEEKLY EXPENSES \$10,500****THE LANTERN IN OUR NEW LIFE SIZE NATIVITY IS  
THE PEACE LIGHT, COMING FROM BETHLEHEM.**Each year a Boy Scout takes lights a lantern from the  
eternal flame near the spot where Jesus was born. We will  
use this flame to also light our altar candles during the  
Christmas season.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE OUR 90<sup>th</sup> JUBILEE CELEBRATION A SUCCESS!** Our closing mass was inspiration and the church filled with warmth even though we had snow on our streets! Thanks to Tony & Susan Gentile for getting the time capsule together. Thanks to Nick Cagliuso for designing and making the capsule. Thanks to our Jubilee Committee, Steven for the music & Sr. Kathleen for the bookmarks. **What a wonderful year of celebration!**

**CALLING ALL COOKS!** Our **FAITH & FAMILY COOKBOOK** is in need of your recipes. You can submit them in one of these ways: (1) Place your recipe in an envelope marked FAITH & FAMILY COOKBOOK, placing it in the Sunday collection (2) Drop off your recipe at the rectory (3) Mail your recipe to the rectory (4) E-mail your recipes to [StAPastoralMin@aol.com](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com) in the context of an e-mail (or in MS Word).

**ATTENZIONE CUOCHI E CUOCHE!** Siete dei bravi cuochi? Parenti e amici accettano con piacere il vostro invito al pranzo natalizio? Avete una ricetta particolare? Se la risposta e' "si", siete pregati di darci la vostra ricetta preferita per il libro di cucina che la nostra parrocchia sta' preparando "FAITH & FAMILY COOKBOOK". Potete fare ricapitarci la vostra ricetta in uno di questi modi: (1) in una busta con scritto sopra "libro di cucina" e metterla nel cestino delle offerte la Domenica. (2) spedirla in rettoria (3) venendo in rettoria (4) via posta elettronica al seguente indirizzo: [StAPastoralMin@aol.com](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com) (possibilmente scritta con il programma MS Word).

**WE HAVE PURCHASED A LIFE SIZE NATIVITY & WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Bottles labeled PENNIES FROM HEAVEN have been placed at the doors of the church, so we can raise the money to pay for this set. Of course, we will accept all types of change and paper currency as well.

**ADVENT GIVING TREE** Gifts will be picked up by St. John's parish on Monday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. If you forgot to purchase a gift, please drop one off at the rectory.

**MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY:** 9:00p.m. Christmas Eve (Upper Church) Mass in Spanish, donation \$50. Christmas Day 10a.m. (Upper Church) Mass in English, donation \$50. **AN ADDITIONAL MASS INTENTION IS AVAILABLE FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE** at 5:30p.m., donation \$50.

**G.I.S.A. – BABBO NATALE** Domenica, 21 Dicembre alle ore 4:30PM la G.I.S.A. (Gruppo Italiano Sant'Atanasio) terra' la sua riunione generale per il mese di Dicembre nell'auditorio della scuola. A questa riunione avremo con noi Mr. Joseph che ci allietera' la serata con musica da ballo e con canti natalizi. Avremo anche Babbo Natale che portera' i regali ai soci della G.I.S.A. E come ogni Natale ci scambieremo gli auguri di un Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo prendendo un un po' di caffe', panettone e champagne. Tutto e' gratis. Vi preghiamo di partecipare numerosi, soci e non soci.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY SPONSORED BY G.I.S.A.** Sunday, December 21 at 4:30PM in the school auditorium during the G.I.S.A. general meeting we will have live music and Christmas carols by Mr. Joseph. Santa Claus will also visit us. It will be a nice afternoon. We will have coffee, cake and champagne. Everyone is welcomed.

**ST. A'S CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP INVITES ALL TO ITS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MASS & CHRISTMAS PARTY** on Tuesday December 16 at 8p.m. in the Lower Church. The Celebrant will be Fr. Richard Long. The rosary will be prayed at 7:30p.m. All are welcome to attend.

**THIS TUESDAY, DEC. 16, at 7pm, the New York City Police Department is having an interdenominational Remembrance Service for families who lost members on 9-11.** St. A's parishioners are encouraged to attend to support these grieving families, especially during the Holiday Season.

**ENTERTAINMENT 2004 BOOKS ARE BEING OFFERED BY SR. CHARLOTTE TO ASSIST IN THE CARE OF THE ELDERLY SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH IN BRENTWOOD.** The books are only \$20 & are packed with 50% off & two-for-one offers. Call Sr. Charlotte at 718-236-2800 to order a book for a friend or yourself. **This is a way we can thank the Sisters for all the years of service!**

**In your kindness please pray for those who are sick**

Grace Albano, Louise Antrinoro, Carol Brooks-Fruner, Steven Bruntetti, Rosa Calabrese, Cameron Calderon, Jose Camacho, Frank Cambria, Marie Carante, Carmine Cava, Erica Cavallieri, Peter Cianciotta, Judy Cuda, Bruce Dalton, Giavonna Marie Darcy, Rachel DePinto, Mary Dowgiallo, Doreen Ganley, Rose Gaccicone, Olga Garbat, Michael Grieco, Julia Iachetta, Marie Jensen, Jean Kelly, Lawrence Klein, Rose Kirnard, Scott Liell, Camille Liberti, Rosemarie Liberti, John Henry Loria, Mary Ellen O'Keefe, Trudy McGranaghan, Beatrice McKenna, Lucia Montella, James Nolam, Cathy Petrik, Silvana Pintielli, Margaret "Rita" Pinckney, Oronzo Pistanza, Robert Presstia, Mary Re, Caterina Ruggeri, Frances Ryan, Elisa Sciascia, Mildred Scimeca, Ryan Shaughnessy, Eileen Smyth, Francesco Sale, Rose Varano, Maria Verfenstein, Ana Williams

**In your kindness please pray for those who have died...**

Rosario Cinquagrani, Anthony DiLio, Elsa Borino, Pauline Barone, Eilen Smyth

**We send our prayers & condolences to the deceased's family.**

**WE ARE CALLED TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER.** Please keep in your prayers the sick, those who have died & those grieving. **If you wish someone to be added to the sick list,** leave their name on extension 24 of the rectory, spelling it slowly, no later than Monday of each week. **In order for us to keep our list up to date, we ask you to call each week with the name of the sick person.**

**PICTURES WITH SANTA AT BERTA'S** at 67<sup>th</sup> Street & 18<sup>th</sup> AVE each Saturday from 11am-4p.m. to benefit ST. A'S PARISH! All moneys will be donated to us!!

**PLEASE TURN OFF ALL BEEPERS, PAGERS & CELL PHONES IN ORDER TO BE IN PREPARATION FOR PRAYER & WORSHIP.**

**ROSARY FOR LIFE** is prayed every Saturday after the 9a.m. Mass for an end to abortion. **THIS WEEK'S INTENTION:** That Christians may prepare for the Lord's coming by fostering a commitment to respect human life, both born and unborn, we pray to the Lord.

**THURSDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP** is held every Thursday after the 9a.m. Mass, in the Nazareth Institute.

**PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS THE ELIJAH CUP:** Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations. A vocation is a call from the Holy Spirit, a gift from God that is nurtured in prayer. When we pray for vocations, we lift up those women and men whom God is calling. We hope that those who bring the Elijah Cup home will continue to pray for vocations daily. To schedule your week, please call the Pastoral Ministry Office at 718-236-0124, Ext. 24 or email [StAPastoralMin@aol.com](mailto:StAPastoralMin@aol.com).

**This week THE SARCONA FAMILY accepts the Cup.**

**CSJ RETREAT FOR WOMEN IN COLLEGE, GRADUATE SCHOOL, & 20 SOMETHING** Explore the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Jan 9-11 at St. Joseph's Renewal Center, Brentwood NY, Friday 7pm to Sunday Jan. 11 at 1p.m. Donation is \$125. College Students \$ 65. Scholarships available. Register with Sr. Mary Walsh by calling 516-536-0551 or e-mailing [vocationscsi@aol.com](mailto:vocationscsi@aol.com)

**ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE AS A DEACON?** The Diocese will present the requirements & expectations of the educational & spiritual formation to all men who are interested in beginning the preparations in the Fall of 2004. **If you are interested, please speak to Msgr. Cassato.**

**DIVORCED & SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP** meets this Wed. Dec. 17 at 7:30p.m. in the Nazareth Institute.

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### **ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS HERE !**

#### **SUNDAY DEC. 21 at 4p.m. in the Upper Church**

Combined choirs from St. Finbar's, St. Mary Mother of Jesus and St. Athanasius will enhance our Advent & Christmas Season. This is an event not to be missed, especially that it is here at St. A's!

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**SUNDAY DEC. 14 MARIO VACAARO OF LA CASA DEL CORREDO WILL BE IN OUR UPPER CHURCH NARTHEX (Vestibule) SELLING RELIGIOUS ARTICLES.** The profit will be donated back here to us at St. A's.

**ST. A'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** immediately follows the 11:30a.m. Mass Sunday Dec. 14 in the auditorium. We ask that one adult per family be present. **We heard Santa will visit!**

**Why not consider DONATING A LEAF OR STONE ON OUR ST. ANTHONY-ST. JOSEPH TREE OF LIFE?** It's a wonderful way to maintain a family legacy for those individuals who mean so much to you. Memorials & tributes have been made to honoring friends & loved ones, both living and deceased. A gold leaf is available for a donation of \$1,800, a copper leaf for \$1,000 and small stones for \$10,000. All memorials can be paid on an installment plan.

#### ***An Advent Offering from the Nazareth Institute***

**OUR ADVENT MONDAY MORNING VIDEO SERIES ENTITLED: VATICAN II: A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE CONTINUES THIS WEEK** with Morning Prayer at 8:45am, followed by Mass at 9am. After mass we meet in the Nazareth Institute on December 15 & 22 for a viewing of a video & a short discussion until about 11a.m. Videos include The Role of the Laity, & After the Council: The Period of Changes. This week's video, **THE ROLE OF THE LAITY**, explores how the pre-Vatican II Church in America went from the era of immigrants whose contributions were in the form of contributions towards building churches, schools & hospitals to how the laity are now a visible presence in the church.

**SEASONAL MISSALETTE, TODAY'S MISSAL MUSIC ISSUE & THE HERRITAGE MISSAL ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR MEMORIALIZATION.** Intentions can still be placed on all three worship books, for the period of one year, for a donation of \$25. Memorialization forms are located next to the bulletins.

#### **WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT WE WANT TO SHARE:**

**We received this e-mail after the Immaculate Conception Masses.** Dear Father Long, Through my hectic and unusually demanding Monday issues that I faced, both personal and work related, your words kept resounding, "with God, nothing is impossible." We forget that and allow ourselves to be defeated even before we try. Well, those words carried me through Monday and into Tuesday, not a better day than Monday, but not an impossible day, because I knew God helps make it possible. I want to thank you for reminding me. ***Aren't we blessed here at St. A's?***

**BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS** will be celebrated with all who were baptized here at St. A's this year on Sunday Jan. 4, 2004 at the 11:30a.m. Mass. If interested in participating, please leave the family name & the child's name with your phone # on Ext. 24 of the rectory.

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**PLEASE HELP US DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS.** Flower envelopes have been included in the mailing of weekly envelopes. If you are not on our mailing list, please consider taking an envelope from next to the bulletins.

**MY CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE PARISH** can be returned by Sunday Dec. 21, but you will be able to give during the holiday season. Please do not forget the financial needs of the parish. We ask you to consider giving a generous gift, using this special envelope.

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